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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Drew E. Becker

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/26/08 has been entered.

### ***Response to Amendment***

2. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 8/26/08 is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1-10 based upon WO 01/34702A2.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Nakamichi [Pat. No. 5,028,461]. Nakamichi teaches an ovenware item comprising a thermoplastic polymer with a filler (abstract), the filler being carbon black containing graphite (column 3, line 53), up to

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70% carbon black (abstract), the item inherently possessing a thermal conductivity of at least 2 W/mK, and the polymer having a heat distortion temperature of at least 270°C (column 4, line 54). If not inherent, then it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide more carbon black in Nakamichi since an increased amount of susceptor filler would have provided increased and faster browning of the food product during microwaving, as well as better heat resistance, oil resistance, and mechanical strength (abstract).

5. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 98/48414 (represented in the below explanation by Suzuki et al [Pat. No. 6,641,878]). Suzuki et al teach an article comprising a thermoplastic polymer having a thermal conductivity of 1-3 W/mK (column 8, line 29), a melting point/glass transition point of at least 250°C (column 8, line 15), a liquid crystal polymer in the form of poly(arylene sulfide) (column 3, line 19), and a filler in the form of graphite (column 5, line 1) which naturally has a thermal conductivity in excess of 50 W/mK. It is noted that the claims do not define any sort of physical structure besides being an "item". Furthermore, the recitation "ovenware item" has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951). Also, a recitation of the intended use of the

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claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

6. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Nagano et al [Pat. No. 5,976,406].

Nagano et al teaches an item comprising a liquid crystal polymer with a filler (abstract), the filler being graphite (column 4, line 40), the filler comprising 15-180 parts based on 100 parts of the polymer (abstract), the item inherently possessing a thermal conductivity of at least 2 W/mK, and the polymer having a heat distortion temperature of at least 270°C (abstract). It is noted that the claims do not define any sort of physical structure besides being an "item". Furthermore, the recitation "ovenware item" has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951). Also, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

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7. Claims 1-6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Nomura et al [Pat. No. 5,529,716].

Nomura et al teaches an item comprising a liquid crystal polymer with a filler (abstract), the filler being aluminum (abstract), the item possessing a thermal conductivity of about 2 W/mK (Table 2, Example 12), and the polymer having a heat distortion temperature of at least 340°C (column 2, line 17). It is noted that the claims do not define any sort of physical structure besides being an "item". Furthermore, the recitation "ovenware item" has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone. See *In re Hirao*, 535 F.2d 67, 190 USPQ 15 (CCPA 1976) and *Kropa v. Robie*, 187 F.2d 150, 152, 88 USPQ 478, 481 (CCPA 1951). Also, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Tighe et al [Pat. No. 4,959,516], Bushelman et al [2006/0014876], Isogai et al [Pat. No. 5,229,563], Bhagwagar et al [Pat. No. 6,815,486],

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and Hashimoto et al [Pat. No. 4,714,734] teach articles with increased thermal conductivity.

### ***Response to Arguments***

9. Applicant should submit an argument under the heading "Remarks" pointing out disagreements with the examiner's contentions. Applicant must also discuss the references applied against the claims, explaining how the claims avoid the references or distinguish from them.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Drew E. Becker whose telephone number is 571-272-1396. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8am to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1794